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SNAIL General Meeting
Thursday, October 4th

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge
Time: 7:00 p.m. – Look for the **SNAIL** sign

Partial list of agenda items:

- *Candidates Forum Report*



SNAIL typically meets on the first Thursday of the month. The rare exceptions are when the first Thursday is also the same date as a big holiday. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Mark Your Calendar Now: 11/1, 12/6



Highlights of SNAIL General Meeting – SEPTEMBER

Summit School News: The Planning Commission may not yet give this school the go ahead because of the Physical Education situation. The current middle school buses students to other schools for P.E. and uses the parking lot as well.

NNO Report (Diane): National Night Out went well, though fewer plates were used this year than last (225 this year, 240 last year). The new band was good, there was lots of food, and there were lines for the face painting and other entertainments. The free ice cream truck provided by a local realtor was a big hit.

NNO Report (Diane): National Night Out went well, though fewer plates were used this year than last (225 this year, 240 last year).

NNO Expenditures (Diane): The budget for this event was \$2000 and the final cost was \$2155. We now have enough plates for four years.

Newsletter Distribution: This was briefly discussed. Questions were asked about mail outs and if the newsletter is distributed outside of SNAIL. This led to possibly posting the newsletter on Nextdoor, where it can be seen in color and also reach a large audience. Perhaps this would eventually lead to less cost to us because of reduced printing costs. Also, we would no longer have to limit the size of the newsletter.



For full minutes, please visit the SNAILorg Yahoo Group website:

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-Minutes taken by June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

SNAIL 2018 Event Calendar

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Wed, Oct 3, 10 Wed, Nov 7, 14 Wen, Dec 5, 12	Homeless Shelter Please call Valérie to Volunteer to serve dinner; two-hour shift, two Wednesdays a month	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335
Fri, Oct 19 7:00 p.m.	Dinner Night Out Hardy's Bavaria 111 W. Evelyn Ave. #108	Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949 RSVP by 10/17



At the annual State of the City Community Awards Celebration that took place on 9/15, Mayor Hendricks has chosen to recognize with his annual Award of Excellence, HomeFirst, the Individuals and Community Organizations who have come together this past year and previous years to feed members of our community at the Cold Weather Shelter. "The compassion and dedication you all have demonstrated in organizing meals at the shelter exemplifies the true meaning of community spirit and we are excited to be able to recognize the group for its efforts."

Michelle Covert from the Office of Supportive Housing and Kelsey Fleming, HomeFirst Cold Weather shelter site manager, accepted the award on behalf of the Feeding Partners.



Singled out were two SNAIL residents Linda Garcia and her family, AKA the "Garcia Family" and Valérie Suarès representing the many SNAIL volunteers who have given their time, energy and resources to support the residents at the shelter from the Armory site to the Moffett Park Portables to its present location on Hamlin Court.

Well done everyone!

SNAIL on the Internet



SNAIL's presence on the Internet is in three locations, the first two are moderated by SNAIL members:

1. Yahoo newsgroup, <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg> for SNAIL Business and events, meeting dates, announcement from the City, etc.
2. Yahoo newsgroup, <http://tinyurl.com/SNAILchitchat> for SNAIL socializing, referrals, lost pets, etc.
3. SNAIL and Nearby Sunnyvale Neighborhoods, <http://www.snail.nextdoor.com>, with advertising, alerts, and announcements. **1,196 SNAIL neighbors (887 households) have already joined Nextdoor.com.**

To subscribe to the first two Yahoo Newsgroups, send an email to Jim Quaderer or Denise Perez at SNAILgroups@snail.org.

To subscribe to Nextdoor.com, send an email to Valérie Suarès at vsuares@gmail.com.

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors and donations.



Volunteer Positions and the New Columbia PTSA Website

The CMS PTSA would love to increase our involvement with our SNAIL community and we would love our SNAIL community to be involved with us! We have tons of volunteer opportunities within our PTSA, the Music Booster and the Athletics Booster - just to name a few areas. Visit our new website at:

<http://www.columbiaptsa.org/join>. Lastly, if you want to donate or become a member of the PTSA, our website makes it easy to do both! Just visit <http://www.columbiaptsa.org/>.

-Troy Obrero, CMS PTSA

Coaches needed at CMS!



Want to show your Bulldog Pride by being one of our 2018-2019 coaches?

Season Two: Oct. 15th – Dec. 6th (Wrestling and Volleyball)

Season Three: Dec. 15th – Feb. 7th (Soccer and Basketball)

Check out our available positions on our NEW CMS Athletics webpage: <http://columbiaptsa.org/athletics>.

NO experience necessary. You must be 18 years of age and complete an application with the City of Sunnyvale. (This can take up to a month to complete, so get started early). Compensation: \$1000.00 STIPEND and coach's uniform. Practice and games are Monday-Thursday, generally from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you have any interest, visit: <http://columbiaptsa.org/coaching-interest>.

-Troy Obrero, CMS Co-Athletic Director

RECYCLE YOUR HARD-TO-RECYCLE ITEMS

TerraCycle offers free recycling programs funded by brands, manufacturers and retailers around the world to help you collect and recycle your hard-to-recycle waste. We'd like to help our neighbors keep more things out of our landfills, so instead of dropping these following items into the garbage, drop them off on our porch and we'll mail them into TerraCycle for you! Kindly empty and rinse them as well as possible please.

- ♥ Toothbrushes (not electric)
- ♥ Mouthwash bottle caps
- ♥ Toothpaste tubes and caps (squeeze out as much as you can)
- ♥ Floss containers
- ♥ Contact lenses and their blister packs
- ♥ Body care packaging (e.g., deodorant containers and caps, shampoo bottle caps, hair gel tubes and caps, spray triggers, lotion dispensers, etc.)
- ♥ Cosmetics packaging (e.g., lipstick, lip gloss, mascara, eye shadow, foundation, etc.)
- ♥ Cereal bags (the ones that come inside the boxes)
- ♥ Chip / snack bags (foil-lined and plastic)
- ♥ Vitamin bottles and caps
- ♥ Solo cups (#6 rigid plastic cups)



A common question is if we get paid to do this - certainly not! But we definitely are rewarded with the knowledge that fewer things are headed for the landfill. Let's work together to manage our trash!

Please reach us through syquia.nenuca@gmail.com for questions. Learn more about how this works at:

<https://www.terracycle.com>.

-Roshan and Nenuca (738 Georgia Ave)



The Sunnyvale Candidates Forum

The SNAIL Candidate Forum took place on Sept. 13th at the Fair Oaks Community Room; 49 participants attended and a total of 52 questions were sent in prior to the event, which were grouped into 17 questions and were asked of candidates by our moderator Elaine Manley, from the League of Women Voters.

Did you know that candidates must run for a particular seat and all Sunnyvale voters get to vote for one candidate for each seat?

Did you also know that when a seat has two candidates, and one of those candidates is not able to attend the forum, then, as a Non-Profit organization, we are only able to read a statement from each candidate otherwise it would give one candidate a significant advantage over the other one.

- We had the two candidates for Seat 2: **Glenn Hendricks the incumbent** and Joshua Grossman.
- We had the two candidates for Seat 3: **John Cordes, our very own past SNAIL Chair** and Mason Fong, both running for Jim Griffith's seat who termed out.
- For Seat 1, one of the candidates, Henry Alexander, had a previous commitment and was unable to attend so, sadly, according to the election rules, we could not have his opponent and **incumbent Gustav Larsson** on the panel.

A statement from both candidates was read.

Considering that we did not hear the positions on many issues from the two candidates for Seat 1, I encourage you to attend the **Upcoming Candidates Forum and Ballot Measures: All upcoming events start at 7:00 p.m.**

- **Sep 18:** Pros and Cons of the Ballot Measures at Plaza Del Rey.
- **Sep 19:** Livable Sunnyvale CANDIDATE FORUM Sunnyvale Elks Lodge, 375 Pastoria Ave. (doors open at 6:40 p.m.)
- **Oct 03:** Sunnyvale Candidate Forum at Adobe Wells, 1220 Tasman Drive.
- **Oct 17:** Sunnyvale Candidate forum by LWVCS at Sunnyvale City Hall.

References for anyone looking for fact-checked election info:

-**LWVCS.org** has calendar of our educational events like forums and ballot measure talks.

-**VotersEdge.Org** has information on the entire ballot both candidates and ballot measures (and the money behind them).

Finally, I wish to thank everyone who helped make this event a great success:

Our newsletter editor Denise, for the beautiful flyers that were posted in the newsletters and Social Media sites; SNAIL members who sent their questions; Alisha from Department of Library and Community Services who secured the room for us; Cynthia who sent us help when we could not open the tables; Sharon who helped me set up the room, anchor the A-frames and attach the balloons; Judy from Plaza Del Rey for the sound system; Larry, our time keeper; our SNACK crew Diane and June; our tear-down crew Barry, Jenny, Rosie, Tarik, Tewfik and Thomas; everyone else who chipped in; and last, but not least of course, the candidates and our outstanding moderator Elaine. You ARE all truly amazing.

-Valérie Suarès



Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

For current information on programs, call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov or visit our new webpage at: <http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>.

Free Legal Clinic at CNC: Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. – noon.

Receive a 20-minute consultation on legal matters by licensed attorneys offered by South Asian Bar Association of Northern California (SABA-NC). No appointments. Customers are attended to on a first come, first served basis. The next clinic is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. – noon.



New Fee Waiver Application for Youth is Available

Now: The City's Community Services Fee Waiver program has a new funding cycle, Oct. 1, 2018, to Sept. 20, 2019. Once approved, families receive \$234 worth of credit per approved child to help pay for registration fees for activities, camps and classes at the resident rate; option to pay subsidized rates for most activities, camps and classes at CNC; early registration dates for most activities, camps and classes at CNC. Families must meet income eligibility criteria and submit specific documents with an application. Applications are available at CNC, Community Center or on city website.

Free Library Program: Dia de las Muertos Celebration on Wed., Oct. 24, 3:30 – 5 p.m. at the Columbia Middle School Library, 739 Morse Ave. Join special guest artist, Rachel Palacios and make colorful crafts and Day of the Dead Skeletons to celebrate Dia de los Muertos.

Free Event – Family Fun Day: Sat., Oct. 27, 2 – 5 p.m. at CNC, 785 Morse Avenue. This free family event will celebrate Halloween and safety with games and activities for kids, safety tip reminders, a mini pumpkin patch and healthy snacks for children. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes, bring treat bags for goodies and celebrate Fall. This is a no-candy event to promote healthy eating habits.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager



PET OF THE MONTH

If you would like to submit your pet for Pet of the Month, send an email to the editor with a photo and include your name, the name of your pet, your street name and anything you would like to say about your pet to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

Strategies to Keep Your Home Safe from Fire

Fire is always in the news, but that seems to particularly be the case lately. There are a lot of routine maintenance tasks that aren't just smart to do for your home, but will also help reduce your risk of having a fire:

- ✓ Clean out the dryer vent duct.
- ✓ Clean out the gutters and make sure the roof is free of debris.
- ✓ Remove shrubs around the air-conditioning unit.
- ✓ Keep fire extinguishers in the home.
- ✓ Remove flammable materials from around the structure.
- ✓ Eliminate wood stacks.
- ✓ Replace wood fencing with nonflammable material.
- ✓ If you have a wooden deck, make sure to clear it of debris, and to regularly clean out any dead vegetation underneath.
- ✓ Secure your home's eaves and vent openings, making sure they are properly screened and maintained.
- ✓ Add fire alarms in your home and replace their battery once a year.
- ✓ Get a fire extinguisher and learn how to use it. (Visit your nearest firehouse to receive quick tips on how to use them.)
- ✓ Consider enrolling in the upcoming September 18th CERT Training.



CERT educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/EventbriteCERT>.

-Valérie Suarès

Neighborhood Street Sweeping Schedule

Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pickup. If possible, please move your car off the street on street sweeping days. This month, the street sweeping schedule is:

East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tuesday, Oct. 9, 23
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Oct. 10, 24

Newsletter Deadline

All SNAIL neighbors are invited to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter. The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is **Saturday, Oct. 13th**. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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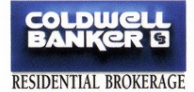
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